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CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

SUCCESSFUL FISHING TRIP TO VANUATU, SOUTH PACIFIC

Assistant Curator **Mark Westneat** (Zoology, Fishes) recently returned from three weeks of collecting fishes in the South Pacific country of Vanuatu (formerly New Hebrides). Vanuatu is a series of forested, emerald green, geologically young islands located between Fiji and Australia, at about 14-20 degrees south latitude. The expedition was a collaborative effort between the Smithsonian, the Australian Museum, The Field Museum, and Vanuatu Fisheries. Traveling aboard the Fisheries vessel Lewia (meaning Beautiful Lady), the team visited the islands of Efate, Erromango, Tanna, Tongoa, and Epi, among others. The fish collecting was spectacular, as the SCUBA divers found crystal clear waters over steeply sloped coral reefs in nearly all the dive sites visited. Diving to depths of 10 to 35 meters, the team used nets, spears, and rotenone (fish anesthetic) to make an extensive fish collection that was divided between the four participating institutions.

On one reef, however, the divers encountered a rather territorial dugong. This particularly large, male, marine mammal

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CONNECTING

One of the aims of "Connecting: The Campaign for The Field Museum" concerns us all -- making sure the storge and display of specimens and artifacts is under the best conditions to be attained. If you haven't given to the staff /volunteer campaign yet, this is a good time -- payday, summer, Lake Shore Drive relocation progressing well.

You must have seen the nifty "100%" buttons by now. They refer to our attempt to get 100% staff participation in the campaign. We, the staff organizers of the Staff Campaign, thank all staff members for joining us in the effort.

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Connecting Campaign Staff

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Carolyn Blackmon -- Staff & Volunteer Campaign Chair

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apparently did not like people working in his area. So he whacked everyone on the head with his tail flukes, grabbed Jeff Williams from the Smithsonian and pushed him against the reef, and when Mark Westneat didn't take the hint of the tail whack, bit him on the shoulder. Everyone escaped with only minor scrapes and soreness, but your local marine ichthyologist is now considerably more wary of marine mammals than he is of sharks.

The collections of fishes made are of great importance to biology, as no previous scientific collecting had ever been done on these islands. Among the treasures found were an undescribed damselfish, an undescribed species of wrasse, four or five new blennies, and several new endemic gobies, both freshwater and marine. Additionally, the collections were filled with range extension data of species that were previously thought to be restricted to waters North (equatorial) or South (temperate). Because of the youth of the islands (Tanna to the South is dominated by a booming volcano) the collections will figure prominently in considerations of Pacific Plate biogeography. The trip was so successful, the team members are discussing plans for an expedition to the Solomon Islands.

MUSEUM FISH-HEADS VISIT NEW ORLEANS

The Field Museum was well represented at the recent meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in New Orleans. In attendance were staff members **Barry Chernoff**, **Mark Westneat**, **Mary Anne Rogers**, and **Jeff Walker** as well as resident students from the Fish Division including **Mike Alfaro**, **Brad Wright**, **Veronica Arreola**, **Lisa Rosenberger**, **Jeff Janovetz**, and **Margaret Pizer**. Barry, Jeff, Mike, and Veronica gave presentations on their research, and Mary Anne represented the Field Museum on the ASIH Collections Committee. Mark was there as a jet-lagged co-author on a few papers, and basically just hung around Bourbon Street most of the time. He and most of the students could usually be found at the Funky Pirate or

POLICY ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTER USE

Dear Colleagues:

Rapid Advances in information technology, including electronic mail, the Internet, the World Wide Web, and voice response systems have made communicating easier. Massive amounts of information can be quickly and efficiently disseminated. At the same time that they make communications easier, technological advances create new policy issues.

A Museum Policy on Electronic Communications and Computer Use has been developed to address some of these issues. The policy has been reviewed by the Collections and Research Committee, the Science Advisory Council, Academic Affairs departmental offices, the Personnel Committee and the Kaffeeklatsch Committee. Based on their recommendation, I have approved the policy.

Attached is a copy of this new policy. The policy will also be included in the Museum's "A Basic Guide to Museum-Wide Policies and Procedures."

If you have any questions about the policy, please call either **Marilyn Martinson** (x524) or **Lori Breslauer** (x627). Many thanks.

Willard L. Boyd
President

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The Field Museum

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTER USE[1]

Most recent revision: July, 1996

The introduction, and increasing use, of voice-mail, computers, and computer communications (e.g., e-mail), over the last decade have raised new challenges in terms of hardware-software support and implementation, and new legal concerns regarding confidentiality. This policy has been developed to increase awareness of some of these issues, and to ensure that these technologies when provided by the Museum, or used by personnel acting as Field Museum staff or representatives, are used appropriately for Field Museum business. Because of the importance of these concerns, failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. This policy applies to all Museum staff, including volunteers, as well as resident students and other researchers.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Voice mail, e-mail, and other forms of electronic communication offer an efficient alternative to paper- based systems, but the very informality that makes electronic communication so useful can sometimes also lead to carelessness and unprofessional actions. It is important to be aware that under federal law, employees do not have a right of privacy in their electronic communications where those communications use equipment provided by the employer. All users should be aware that the Museum may access their e-mail or voice-mail for any purpose deemed reasonable by the Museum. Electronic messages may be legally accessed and disclosed by the employer, and also by third parties empowered under the law. E-mail and voice mail systems in particular are not secure means of communication. For these reasons, electronic communications always should be used with the same care used for hard copy communications. Users should remove old messages on a regular basis, but they should also recognize that even after messages have been "deleted" or "erased" they can commonly be recovered from backup systems. In using electronic communications please adhere to these guidelines.

1. The Field Museum's computer resources should be used for activities that promote the collections, research, and public learning missions of the Museum. Incidental and occasional personal use of the electronic mail system is permitted, but users should bear in mind that all electronic mail sent from the Museum's computer network contains the Field Museum identity. Therefore, messages should

RICHARD H. LEIGH

Richard H. Leigh was born on March 19, 1951 in Pace, Mississippi. While growing up he was very active in his local church utilizing his special gift of voice. After graduating from Esther Tombs High School in Delhi, Louisiana, he furthered his education at Northeast Louisiana University. Rich practically grew up at The Field Museum, beginning his career on July 30, 1970 in a part-time Security position. In 1972 he became a full-time security officer working under Security Chief Tesendorf.

He was a faithful and dedicated worker, with a personality like a magnet that drew people to him. He became instrumental in dealing with sensitive issues that arose within the Museum. Over the years he worked with many Security managers, holding various positions within the Department, and is remembered as a team player who adjusted to many changes within the Department and the Museum. In 1989 Rich was promoted to assistant manager, a position he held until his death Sunday, July 14, 1996.

Rich met his wife, Theresa (Simpson) at The Field. Those he left to cherish his memories include: his loving wife, Mrs. Theresa Leigh; four children -- Robyn Leigh, Richard Rishaad Leigh, Richard Haze Leigh, Jr., and Shawndee Fulker; three sisters -- Mrs. Nancy Adams, Mrs. Rosa F. Brown, Mrs. Christine F. Jackson; one brother -- Wesley Williams; two aunts and a host of relatives and friends.

We at The Field Museum extend our deepest sympathies to Rich's family and friends. We greatly appreciate our beloved colleague's twenty-five years of excellent service to the Museum, and will always remember the happy moments he spent with us. We will miss him.

Memorial meetings were held on Tuesday, July 16, 1996 at the Museum to honor the memory of Rich Leigh. A tape recording of the remarks and music by Lionel Dunn, a box in which people left cards and momentos, and a book of handwritten comments from staff will be given to the family. Anyone who wishes to leave anything further to be sent to the family may come by the Personnel Office or Diane White's office.

Concerned friends may also wish to know that the Leigh family suffered a serious car accident on their way from the cemetary to the funeral home in Wednesday's torrential downpour.

All That's In A Name, by Richard Quinn

Rich.
Richard.
Rich Leigh.
Richard H. Leigh.

Above, you read my life with him, from top to bottom.
So was how I came to know this sweet, great man.
This is the way I grew to call him by his many names.
How often it's the other way around.

We began...

Rich.

Familiar. Embracing. Friendly.
With his singular smile, he beckons, "Stay with us a while."

And then...

Richard.

More formal, perhaps. But not.
Just another way to say hello.
This single word was quite enough to catch a nod returned.
It's familiar, in another way. The name most friends call me.
It was a tie I had with him, and will continue to be.

Spoke thrice...

Rich Leigh.

A name that took his place when Rich was not around.
"Speak to Rich Leigh about that."
It stood to mean a place where truth lies.
A friendly place we all have been, joyfully.

And with praise...

Richard H. Leigh.

Retrospective. Respectful. With honor. In memory.
In death...another life.

So on this page I return to you, Rich, and remember what we shared.
Bring you back to me, as I would wish you to be.

You have many, many more words to share...

And I, among many, am listening.

be created and sent via electronic mail only if the sender would be comfortable conveying the same message on official letterhead or via inter-office memorandum. For the same reasons, access for non-Museum employees should be carefully supervised. All Museum staff, including volunteers, as well as resident students and other researchers are responsible for those they connect to Museum systems.

2. All communications either originating at or passing through Museum systems should be consistent with Museum policies and guidelines. Inappropriate activities include: i) sending illegal, offensive, threatening or harassing messages, ii) conducting commercial advertising or promotion for personal gain; and iii) charging for access to, and use of, Museum computer and other services, unless specifically authorized by The Field Museum.

3. Users should make an effort to be aware of the copyright status of communications they send and receive. Care must be taken to not transfer copyright protected material. Users should not assume any work available via a computer network is not copyright protected, nor should they transmit any work created by someone else unless they have permission to do so. Particular care should be taken with respect to distributing details of Museum collections data. Research or collections data should not be released without the express permission of the research or collections staff in charge of the data.

4. All private communications should be treated as confidential between the sender and receiver. Passwords or telephone numbers issued to staff for use of Museum computer resources should not be shared with other users unless express permission has been granted by the user's supervisor. No private/personal information about other staff members (e.g., home addresses and telephone numbers) should be released without their express permission.

5. Network addresses and mailboxes will be issued by the Computer Systems Manager. Any changes should first be discussed with the Computer Systems Manager. Users are advised that the passwords they use should be chosen with regard to minimizing risk of unauthorized use. It is recommended that department supervisors keep on file in a secure place a confidential list of passwords, so access will be possible in the event of an emergency. Passwords and other forms of access to electronic systems must be surrendered to Personnel on leaving the Museum's employment.

6. Users must not knowingly access or attempt to access local or remote systems for which access is restricted and for which they do not have access permission. Users must not knowingly transfer unauthorized files from other local or remote systems. Users must not intentionally interfere with or disrupt any other user by any

means. Such interference or disruption includes the propagation of computer worms or viruses.

USE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE

1. It is the responsibility of any user who installs software on a Museum computer system or network to understand and abide by the relevant software licensing agreement(s).

2. All computers and their software should be free from viruses at the time of connection to the network and checked thereafter on a regular basis with up–to–date virus checking software and assistance provided by the Computing Center. If a virus is discovered, it should be reported immediately to the Computer Systems Manager.

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1. Written by Lori Breslauer. Reviewed by the Collections and Research Committee of the Board of Trustees of The Field Museum, the Science Advisory Council, Academic Affairs departmental offices, the Personnel Committee and the Kaffeeklatsch Committee. Approved by Willard L. Boyd, President.

FOOD SERVICE DISCOUNTS FOR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Effective August 1, 1996, there will be some important changes in the discount policy for Staff and Volunteers who purchase food in McDonald's and Picnic in the Field.

- Picnic in the Field and McDonald's will continue to offer a 20% discount to Field Museum Staff and Volunteers upon presentation of their appropriately marked Field Museum I.D. badge. *The appropriate marking will consist of the words "Staff" or "Volunteer" on the badge with a gold, holographic sticker in the lower right hand corner.*

IMPORTANT!

Current staff and volunteer ID holders will not receive new ID's -- just the holographic stickers. These holographic stickers will be distributed to eligible staff and volunteers on Monday, July 22, Tuesday, July 23 and Wednesday, July 24 in the following manner:

Monday, July 22:	**West Door**	**6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**
Tuesday, July 23:	**North Door**	**7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.**
Wednesday, July 24:	**South Door**	**7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.**

If you are unable to get your sticker at one of these times then you may obtain one any day between 11 a.m. and noon in the Security Equipment Office on the Ground Floor. You must have your sticker by August 1 to receive your 20% discount at Picnic in the Field or McDonald's.

Volunteers will receive their sticker through the Searle Volunteer Coordinator.

- *The 20% discount at Picnic in the Field and McDonald's is for the badge holder only. Guests, family and friends of a badge holder will not be granted the discount.*

- Lending of Field Museum I.D. badges to non-employees or other individuals to obtain a discount is not permitted. Anyone found to be lending her/his badge can be subject to disciplinary action.

- Food Service staff are part of the Field Museum family. Respect and courteous behavior toward them is expected of all Field Museum employees and volunteers.

Please note: Policy regarding discounts for non-staff/volunteer visitors to the Museum (e.g. staff of other Museums, Park District employees, contractors, outside vendors or visitors) is entirely within the discretion of McDonald's. It is our understanding that McDonald's does not plan to continue the discount to non-staff/volunteers.

Questions? Call **Jim Lowers** (x888) or **Marilyn Martinson** (x524)

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usually be found at the Funky Pirate or out on the street in front of the Hurricane stand. Barry was seen with Zoology Research Associate Antonio Machado and a team of South American ichthyologists trying to obtain beads from the revelers on the balconies. A highlight was the bash at the House of Blues, where great music was played and good jambalaya served.

SLAPCINSKY CONTRIBUTED PAPER IN LONDON

Research/Collections Assistant **Jodi Slapcinsky** (Botany) recently presented a paper on the role of herbaria in the search for new drugs from plants at the Joint Meeting of the Society for Economic Botany and International Society for Ethnopharmacology. The Conference was titled "Plants for Food and Medicine" and took place in London, England U.K at the Imperial College on July 1-5, 1996.

Do you like paleontology?

Do you like Broadway musicals? ***Then you'll love this shirt!***

ORDER NOW! The 1996 unofficial Geology Department T-shirt *Dinocerata*

The design is posted on the Geology Department bulletin board (third floor), the Security console bulletin board (ground floor), Andrew and Steve's lab (Rm 3107, third floor), and the fourth floor elevator. **$13 each** for this 3-color, 2-sided design -- comes in XL, L, M -- to order, come by Rm. 3107 and see Andrew or Steve. Last order taken August 2, 1996.

MISSING FISHES CART Help! Has anyone seen a three-shelved stainless steel utility cart with "Fishes" written on it? Please check your areas and if you see a cart that fits this description bring it back to Fishes or call **Kevin Swagel** (x428) and he will come pick it up. Thank you.

New Staff and Volunteer Orientation Program

Our next new staff and volunteer orientation session will be held in Lecture Hall II on Friday, July 26 from 8:45 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Recently hired staff and volunteers are cordially invited to attend. The program includes refreshments, a presentation featuring guest speakers and a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the Museum! Check with your supervisor if you plan to attend, and call Heidi in Personnel at ext. 531 to reserve your space today. Hope to see you there!